and (b) Ship breaking units registered with MSTC are allotted imported condemned ships for breaking for which adequate capacity and infrastructural facilities exist. Re-rollable scrap, which is the major arising of ship breaking industry, is the main raw material for re-rolling units. The custom duty on import of condemned ships has already been reduced with effect from 1.3.1988.

Prices of Indigenous Steel Materials

1354. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be plesed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of indigenous Steel materials are much higher than those of international prices; if So, the reaons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this is te major factor behind the stagnation in the domestic demand for steel and its consumption; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) It will not be realistic to compare Indian steel prices with international market prices as the latter are usually lower than the domestic prices in those countries so as to support export. However, the domestic prices in India net of duties and levies are comparable with prices in other major steel producing countries abroad.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Additional funds to A. P. for oilseeds development and Fishing

1355. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh in a memorandum have sought from the Union Government Rs. 13.20 crores more for oilseed development programmes and increase of subsidy to Rs. 12000 per boat under the programme of assistance for motorisation of traditional crafts and for assistance to the Andhra Pradesh Fisheries Corporation for procuring one mother ship with ten trawlers; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action is being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(a) Two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, namely, National Oilseeds Development Project (NODP) and Oilseeds Production Thrust Project (OPTP) are in operation in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Under these projects, an amount of Rs. 8.80 crores out of total All India budget of Rs 60.7 crores during 1988-89, has been allocated to the State for the development of oilseeds. Keeping in view the area, production and budgetary provision, it is not possible to provide additional funds to Andhra Pradesh since the State allocation of Rs. 8.80 crores is already highest amongst the project States.

A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for motorisation of traditional craft provides subsidy of Rs. 7500/- per craft equally shared by Centre and State Governments against the subsidy of Rs. 12000/- proposed by the State Government. The Government of India have advised the State Government to instruct Andhra Pradesh Fisheries Corporation to submit requisite application for obtaining permission for the vessel, to the Mnistry of Agriculture and thereafter to contact Shipping and investment Company of India for finance.

Dues payable to Land and Development Officer, New Delhi

1356. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details including the names and addresses of the parties from